

Senate Bill No. 102

CHAPTER 593

An act to add Section 10214.9 to the Unemployment Insurance Code, relating to unemployment compensation.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 102, Ducheny. Nurse training funding.

Existing law establishes the Employment Training Panel and authorizes the panel to utilize funds in the Employment Training Fund for, among other expenditures, the purpose of funding special employment training projects that improve the skills and employment security of frontline workers, as defined, and training individuals who are currently working and receiving certain state benefits.

This bill would additionally authorize the panel to fund up to 5 licensed nurse training programs to train individuals who are currently working as nurse assistants or caregivers in a health facility, as defined.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 10214.9 is added to the Unemployment Insurance Code, to read:

10214.9. (a) (1) The panel may fund up to five licensed nurse training programs to train individuals who are currently working as nurse assistants or caregivers in a health facility, as defined in Section 1250 of the Health and Safety Code.

(2) It is the intent of the Legislature that the panel allocate these funds in a manner consistent with the objectives of this chapter as provided in Section 10200.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this chapter, the panel shall waive the minimum wage provisions, pursuant to subdivision (f) of Section 10201, if all of the following conditions are met:

(1) The employee is enrolled in an approved licensed nurse training program that consists of not less than 1,000 hours of training.

(2) The employer pays the employee not less than 120 percent of the state minimum wage for not less than the first 20 hours of work per week during each week the employee is enrolled in the training program.

(3) Each program results in full-time employment customary for the occupation for which the individuals are being trained.

(c) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this chapter, the panel shall waive any limitation on the hourly length of training programs to allow

approval and funding for up to 750 hours of a licensed nurse training program; provided, however, that those funds be used to pay for up to 750 training hours that remain in the licensed nurse training program after the employee has completed the first 800 hours of that program.

(d) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, employers that participate in the nurse training programs funded pursuant to this section, are not required to meet the eligibility criteria set forth in paragraph (1) of subdivision (a) of Section 10200.